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Docket No.: SC66U-US

Customer No. 60723

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Ralph R. Binetti, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1635

Serial No.: 10/738,413

Examiner: Amy Hudson BOWMAN

Filed: December 17, 2003

For: si-RNA-MEDIATED GENE SILENCING TECHNOLOGY TO INHIBIT  
TYROSINASE AND REDUCE PIGMENTATION

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Confirmation No.: 8915

**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time of four (4) months, to and including January 28, 2007, to respond to the Office Action dated August 28 2006.

As authorized in the accompanying Fee Transmittal and Credit Card Payment form provided with this Response, the Commissioner should charge fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) in the amount of \$1590.00 and any additional fees to Avon Products, Inc. Deposit Account No. 50-3782.

Respectfully submitted,

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